



Greystone

Baptist Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2021

Prelude

"This Is My Father's World"

arr. Darrel Archer

Welcome

April Alston

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"I've Been Meaning to Ask..."
Christian McIvor

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©2021

Verse 1:

Hello, neighbor, where are you from? I was wondering if you'd like to come and
Talk awhile about the paths that led us here.

'Cause we've grown to think quite differently about the nature of reality,
But if we bare our hearts, we might learn to love, not fear.

Verse 2:

From where you are now, what do you need? How can I help you proceed?
Whatever I can do, I'm standing right here by your side.

You don't even have to say a word, but I want you to know that you're seen and heard,
And I'll be with you as you cross the deep and wide.

Chorus:

I've been meaning to ask... These questions leading to the cultivation
Of courageous conversation between me and you.

I've been meaning to ask... Because I've got the curiosity
To seek out the luminosity between me and you.

Oh, I am because you are;

Oh, I am because we are.

Verse 3:

Can you tell me, where does it hurt? 'Cause I know the world tends to divert
Its attention from systemic suffering and pain.

But I value your experience and I'm here for you with no pretense
That I can make it better, but together, we'll sustain.

(Chorus)

Conversation 1

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

Cathy Perkinson

Conversation 2

Steve Rose

Congregational Hymn

“Amazing Grace”
Verses 1-3

NEW BRITAIN;
Words by John Newton,
Music from Colombian Harmony

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Conversation 3

April Alston

Congregational Song

“We Are One in the Spirit”

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIAN;
Verses 1-3
Words and Music by Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

(Refrain)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

(Refrain)

Conversation 4

Christian McIvor

Invitation to the Table

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Communion

Lilian Chan-Grant, Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Communion Song

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

LET US BREAK BREAD;
African American Spiritual,
Music arr. Melva Wilson Costen

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees.

(Refrain)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees.

(Refrain)

Response

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Sending

Sending Song

“Lean On Me”

Words and Music by Bill Withers

Verse 1:

Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain, we all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow

Chorus:

Lean on me
When you're not strong and I'll be your friend,
I'll help you carry on;
For it won't be long till I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on.

Verse 2:

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill
Those of your needs that you won't let show

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Bridge:

You just call on me brother when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on

(Chorus, Bridge)

Verse 3:

If there is a load you have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load
If you just call me.
Call me if you need a friend...

Postlude

“Love Your Crooked Neighbor With Your Crooked Heart”

Words and Music by

Christian McIvor and Steve Rose

Christian McIvor ©2018

Verse 1:

Well, we've all got our stories, with plenty left to tell;
We've roamed the hills and valleys, touched heaven and been through hell.

Pre-chorus:

And though we try and we try to do you right,
We still stumble and we fall;
And still, you open up our eyes to see Your light,
It's always shining through in all.

Chorus:

O Lord, we sometimes can't explain the things we do,
But our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
So, we'll remember what you've told us from the start,
“Just go on and love your crooked neighbor with your crooked heart.”

Verse 2:

We know that no one's perfect, we're all broken and we're flawed.
But the fissures and the fractures are bound together by God.
(Pre-chorus, Chorus)

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